AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1.-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A content delivery system comprising:

a memory cartridge having a proprietary interface for accessing data contained therein;

a content using system which is distributed to a user of said content and provided with a first proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface of said memory cartridge for reading content therefrom and using the content;

a content server connected to a network and providing a content delivery service on the network; and

a writer having a facility for receiving content from said content server through the network, and writing the content to said memory cartridge through said first proprietary connector,

~~The content delivery system as claimed in claim 29,~~ wherein said writer unit is implemented within said content using system, ~~and said first proprietary connector serves also as said second proprietary connector~~

wherein said writer writes the content only once in a writable storage area of said memory cartridge where data has not been written, only when said memory cartridge is appropriate for said content delivery system, and

wherein said content server is configured to count the number of contents that has been successfully written to the memory cartridge upon each receipt of a notification that the content is successfully written to the memory cartridge, wherein the counted number is used to calculate copyright fees.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A content delivery system comprising:

a memory cartridge having a proprietary interface for accessing data contained therein;

a content using system which is distributed to a user of said content and provided with a first proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface of said memory cartridge for reading content therefrom and using the content;

a content server connected to a network and providing a content delivery service on the network; and

a writer having a facility for receiving content from said content server through the network, provided with a second proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface, and configured to write the content to said memory cartridge,

wherein said writer writes the content only once in a writable storage area of said memory cartridge where data has not been written, only when said memory cartridge is appropriate for said content delivery system, and

wherein said content server is configured to count the number of contents that has been successfully written to the memory cartridge upon each receipt of a notification that the content is successfully written to the memory cartridge, wherein the counted number is used to calculate copyright fees.

30.-41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) A memory cartridge used for a content delivery system,

wherein the memory cartridge has a proprietary interface for accessing data contained therein, and

the content delivery system comprises:

a content using system which is distributed to a user of said content and provided with a first proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface of said memory cartridge for reading content therefrom and using the content;

a content server connected to a network and providing a content delivery service on the network; and

a writer having a facility for receiving content from said content server through the network, provided with a second proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface, and configured to write the content to said memory cartridge,

wherein said writer writes the content only once in a writable storage area of said memory cartridge where data has not been written, only when said memory cartridge is appropriate for said content delivery system, and

wherein said content server is configured to count the number of contents that has been successfully written to the memory cartridge upon each receipt of a notification that the content is successfully written to the memory cartridge, wherein the counted number is used to calculate copyright fees.

43. (Currently Amended) A content using system for a content delivery system,

wherein the content using system is distributed to a user of a content and provided with a first proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to a proprietary interface of a memory cartridge for reading content therefrom and using the content, and

the content delivery system comprises:

the memory cartridge having the proprietary interface for accessing data contained

therein;

a content server connected to a network and providing a content delivery service on the

network; and

a writer having a facility for receiving content from said content server through the

network, provided with a second proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said

proprietary interface, and configured to write the content to said memory cartridge,

wherein said writer writes the content only once in a writable storage area of said

memory cartridge where data has not been written, only when said memory cartridge is

appropriate for said content delivery system, and

wherein said content server is configured to count the number of contents that has been

successfully written to the memory cartridge upon each receipt of a notification that the content

is successfully written to the memory cartridge, wherein the counted number is used to calculate

copyright fees.

44. (Currently Amended) A content server for a content delivery system,

wherein the content server is connected to a network and provides a content delivery

service on the network, and

the content delivery system comprising:

a memory cartridge having a proprietary interface for accessing data contained therein;

a content using system which is distributed to a user of said content and provided with a

first proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface of said

memory cartridge for reading content therefrom and using the content; and

a writer having a facility for receiving content from said content server through the network, provided with a second proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface, and configured to write the content to said memory cartridge,

wherein said writer writes the content only once in a writable storage area of said memory cartridge where data has not been written, only when said memory cartridge is appropriate for said content delivery system, and

wherein said content server is configured to count the number of contents that has been successfully written to the memory cartridge upon each receipt of a notification that the content is successfully written to the memory cartridge, wherein the counted number is used to calculate copyright fees.

45. (Currently Amended) A writing device for a content delivery system, the content delivery system comprising:

a memory cartridge having a proprietary interface for accessing data contained therein;

a content using system which is distributed to a user of said content and provided with a first proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface of said memory cartridge for reading content therefrom and using the content; and

a content server connected to a network and providing a content delivery service on the network,

wherein the writing device having a facility for receiving content from said content server through the network, provided with a second proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface, and configured to write the content to said memory cartridge,

wherein said writing device writes the content only once in a writable storage area of said memory cartridge where data has not been written, only when said memory cartridge is appropriate for said content delivery system, and

wherein said content server is configured to count the number of contents that has been successfully written to the memory cartridge upon each receipt of a notification that the content is successfully written to the memory cartridge, wherein the counted number is used to calculate copyright fees.

46. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program which enables a content using system in a content delivery system to perform a process, the process comprising:

reading a data content through a proprietary interface from a memory cartridge, and

using the data content,

wherein the content using system is distributed to a user of said data content and provided with a first proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface of said memory cartridge,

wherein the content delivery system comprising:

a content server connected to a network and providing a content delivery service on the network; and

a writer having a facility for receiving content from said content server through the network, provided with a second proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface, and configured to write the content to said memory cartridge,

wherein said writer writes the content only once in a writable storage area of said memory cartridge where data has not been written, only when said memory cartridge is appropriate for said content delivery system, and

wherein said content server is configured to count the number of contents that has been successfully written to the memory cartridge upon each receipt of a notification that the content is successfully written to the memory cartridge, wherein the counted number is used to calculate copyright fees.

47. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program which enables a content server to perform a process, the process comprising:

providing a content delivery service on a network connected to the content server in a content delivery system,

wherein the content delivery system comprises:

a memory cartridge having a proprietary interface for accessing data contained therein;

a content using system which is distributed to a user of said content and provided with a first proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface of said memory cartridge for reading content therefrom and using the content; and

a writer having a facility for receiving content from said content server through the network, provided with a second proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface, and configured to write the content to said memory cartridge,

wherein said writer writes the content only once in a writable storage area of said memory cartridge where data has not been written, only when said memory cartridge is appropriate for said content delivery system, and

wherein said content server is configured to count the number of contents that has been successfully written to the memory cartridge upon each receipt of a notification that the content is successfully written to the memory cartridge, wherein the counted number is used to calculate copyright fees.

48. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program which enables a writing device to perform a process, the process comprising:

receiving a content from a content server through a network, provided with a second proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to a proprietary interface of a memory cartridge, and

writing the content to said memory cartridge,

wherein said writer writes the content only once in a writable storage area of said memory cartridge where data has not been written, only when said memory cartridge is appropriate for said content delivery system,

wherein the content delivery system comprises:

the memory cartridge having the proprietary interface for accessing data contained therein;

a content using system which is distributed to a user of said content and provided with a first proprietary connector compatible with and connectable to said proprietary interface of said memory cartridge for reading content therefrom and using the content; and

the content server connected to the network and providing a content delivery service on the network, and

wherein said content server is configured to count the number of contents that has been successfully written to the memory cartridge upon each receipt of a notification that the content

is successfully written to the memory cartridge, wherein the counted number is used to calculate copyright fees.

49. (New) The content delivery system according to claim 27, wherein said writable storage area comprises a plurality of blank areas, and wherein the writer consumes the writable storage area in units of blank areas and in accordance with a value of the content when the writer writes the content in the writable storage area.

50. (New) The content delivery system according to claim 29, wherein said writable storage area comprises a plurality of blank areas, and wherein the writer consumes the writable storage area in units of blank areas and in accordance with a value of the content when the writer writes the content in the writable storage area.

51. (New) The memory cartridge according to claim 42, wherein said writable storage area comprises a plurality of blank areas, and wherein the writer consumes the writable storage area in units of blank areas and in accordance with a value of the content when the writer writes the content in the writable storage area.

52. (New) The content using system according to claim 43, wherein said writable storage area comprises a plurality of blank areas, and wherein the writer consumes the writable storage area in units of blank areas and in accordance with a value of the content when the writer writes the content in the writable storage area.

53. (New) The content server according to claim 44, wherein said writable storage area comprises a plurality of blank areas, and wherein the writer consumes the writable storage area in units of blank areas and in accordance with a value of the content when the writer writes the content in the writable storage area.

54. (New) The writing device according to claim 45, wherein said writable storage area comprises a plurality of blank areas, and wherein the writing device consumes the writable storage area in units of blank areas and in accordance with a value of the content when the writing device writes the content in the writable storage area.

55. (New) The tangible computer-readable medium according to claim 46, wherein said writable storage area comprises a plurality of blank areas, and wherein the writer consumes the writable storage area in units of blank areas and in accordance with a value of the content when the writer writes the content in the writable storage area.

56. (New) The tangible computer-readable medium according to claim 47, wherein said writable storage area comprises a plurality of blank areas, and wherein the writer consumes the writable storage area in units of blank areas and in accordance with a value of the content when the writer writes the content in the writable storage area.

57. (New) The tangible computer-readable medium according to claim 48, wherein said writable storage area comprises a plurality of blank areas, and wherein the writer consumes the writable storage area in units of blank areas and in accordance with a value of the content when the writer writes the content in the writable storage area.